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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
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FOR: HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE ALPHA-AMYLASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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**SIR:**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendments.

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